

# SMTP EXTENSION FOR EMAIL DELIVERY FAILURE

## ABSTRACT

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The present invention provides in a computing system including an email system connected to an email network using the SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) protocol, a method for specifying alternate email recipients comprising:

- 10           -       specification of alternate recipients by the sender of an email message to be used in case the mail system can not deliver the message to the original recipient,
- delivery of the message to the specified alternate recipients by the email system in case it is unable to deliver to the original recipient.

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The instant invention also provides a system and computer program product for carrying out the above method.